

**A RESOLUTION**

No. 3908-D5-2005

**MORATORIUM ON THE CREATION OF NEW EMPOWERMENT ZONES**

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2000, the City Council approved the Policy Statement on the Creation of Neighborhood Empowerment Zones (NEZ), in accordance with Chapter 378 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, since April 25, 2000, the City Council has created 15 Neighborhood Empowerment Zones. They are:

Stop Six NEZ  
Ridglea/Como NEZ  
Hemphill/ Berry NEZ  
Magnolia NEZ  
Evans & Rosedale NEZ  
Polytechnic/Wesleyan NEZ  
Woodhaven NEZ  
Handley NEZ

Riverside NEZ  
Berry/University NEZ  
Trinity Park NEZ  
Lake Arlington NEZ  
West 7th/University NEZ  
Wedgwood Square NEZ  
Rolling Hills NEZ

WHEREAS, these NEZ's cover approximately 25 square miles of the city; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised regarding the number of NEZ's that have been created and the impact that the large number of NEZ's have on individual zones; and

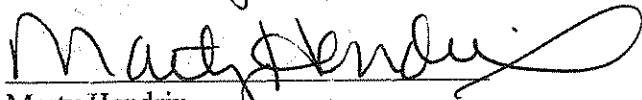
WHEREAS, Council has requested that staff evaluate the performance of this development tool and to recommend changes to address these concerns.

WHEREAS, staff recommends that City Council adopt attached Resolution enacting a 60-day moratorium on the creation of new NEZ's until the evaluation of the existing policy has been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

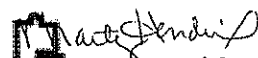
That City Council hereby enacts a 60-day moratorium on the creation of new NEZ's in the City of Fort Worth.

Adopted: May 17, 2005

  
Marty Hendrix  
City Secretary

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL

MAY 17 2005

  
City Secretary of the  
City of Fort Worth, Texas

  
**CITY OF FORT WORTH**

*City of Fort Worth, Texas*  
**Mayor and Council Communication**

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**COUNCIL ACTION: Approved As Amended on 5/17/2005 - Res. #3208-05-2005**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, May 17, 2005  
**LOG NAME:** 12NEZMORITORIUM

**REFERENCE NO.:** G-14803

**SUBJECT:**

Adoption of a Resolution to Enact a **60-Day** Moratorium on the Creation of New Neighborhood Empowerment Zones

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a Resolution enacting a **60-day** moratorium on the creation of new Neighborhood Empowerment Zones.

**DISCUSSION:**

On April 25, 2000, the City Council approved the Policy Statement on the Creation of Neighborhood Empowerment Zones (NEZ), in accordance with Chapter 378 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Since that time, City Council has created 15 Empowerment Zones. They are:

**NEZ**

Stop Six NEZ created 4/17/01  
Ridglea/Como NEZ created 4/2/02  
Evans & Rosedale NEZ created 11/19/02  
Magnolia Village NEZ created 11/26/02  
Polytechnic/Weslyan NEZ created 11/26/02  
Rolling Hills NEZ created 1/21/03  
Handley NEZ created 5/27/03  
Woodhaven NEZ created 5/27/03

**NEZ**

Riverside NEZ created 8/19/03  
Hemphill/Berry NEZ created 11/11/03  
Berry/University NEZ created 1/06/04  
W. 7th/University NEZ created 1/27/04  
Trinity Park NEZ created 1/27/04  
Lake Arlington NEZ created 2/03/04  
Wedgewood Square NEZ 4/19/05

These NEZ's cover approximately 25 square miles in the City.

Concerns have been raised regarding the number of NEZ's that have been created and the impact that the large number of NEZ's have on individual zones. In addition, Council has requested that staff evaluate the performance of this development tool and to recommend changes to address these concerns.

Therefore, City staff recommends that City Council adopt Resolution enacting a **60-day** moratorium on the creation of new NEZ's until the evaluation of the existing policy has been completed.

**FISCAL INFORMATION/CERTIFICATION:**

The Finance Director certifies this action will have no material effect on City funds.

**TO Fund/Account/Centers**

**FROM Fund/Account/Centers**

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